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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, and 7 are pending in the present application. Claims 5 and 8-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject contained therein.

Rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng et al. (US-A-6,012,070). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Cheng et al. is respectfully traversed.

The presently invention, as set forth in amended independent claim 1, is directed to a method of enabling scan to print services for a document reproduction system. The claimed method creates a scan to print job, the job template defining job parameters of a print job including a recipient and a printing device; stores the created job template in an accessible pool service; selects a job template from the pool service; scans, using the document reproduction system, a document and converting the document into a digital document; performs operations, specified by the job parameters of the selected job template, upon the digital document to create a manipulated digital document; and forwards the manipulated digital document to the printing device specified by the selected job template.

In contrast, Cheng et al. teaches a digital design system that allows a user to use composition software to set-up a document template. The document template defines where text, images, and/or graphics are to be placed to form a document. Upon selection of a document template, the variable data of the document is selected wherein the variable data may consist of objects such as text, images, and/or graphics. The selected variables are stored in an order database for future reconstruction of the document at a print facility. The document template created by the composition software does not include job parameter information such as a recipient and/or a printing device. Cheng et al. teaches that a manufacture database stores print set up information.

In summary, Cheng et al. fails to teach (1) performing operations, specified by job parameters of a selected job template, upon a digital document to create a manipulated digital document and/or (2) forwarding the manipulated digital document to a printing device specified

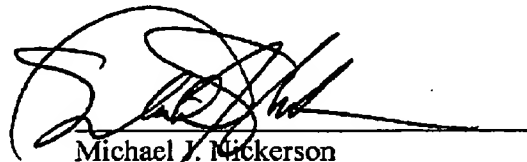
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by the selected job template because the document template of Cheng et al. fails to specify a printing device or job parameters.

With respect to dependent claims 2-4, 6, and 7, the Applicants, for the sake of brevity, will not address the reasons supporting patentability for these individual dependent claims, as these claims depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 1. The Applicants reserve the right to address the patentability of these dependent claims at a later time, should it be necessary.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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